

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-24 are pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, claims 1-13, 21 and 22 are being withdrawn as drawn to non-elected subject matter, and claims 23 and 24 are being canceled, without prejudice against their reintroduction into this or one or more timely filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications. Thus, after entry of this response, claims 14-20 are pending and under consideration.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C § 101

Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101 as allegedly failing to properly define a process claim.

These rejections are obviated by the cancellation of claims 23 and 24 herewith. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims are believed to satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are in condition for Allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore kindly requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to King & Spalding LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4616.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 590-1932.

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